

# MEETING MINUTES



**Village Of Homewood  
Appearance Commission  
July 10, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

**Village Hall Board Room  
2020 Chestnut Road  
Homewood, IL 60430**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Grant, Hayes, Quirke and Chairman Wright were present. Members Burlison and Hrymak were absent. In attendance from the Village was Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros. There was one person in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Wright asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for June 6, 2019. There being no changes or corrections a motion was made by Member Quirke to approve the minutes of June 6, 2019; seconded by Member Grant.

AYES: Members Hayes, Grant, Quirke, and Chairman Wright

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Members Burlison and Hrymak

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the audience.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Case No. 19-24, 18355 Pierce Avenue, T-Mobile:** Chairman Wright introduced the case and invited Staff Liaison Mesaros to give a brief overview.

Staff Liaison Mesaros stated that T-Mobile is requesting approval of a new generator at an existing telecommunications site located at the Village's water tower, 18355 Pierce Avenue. The generator requires screening and buffers because it is a non-residential use located within a residential district. In this case, the requirements are the same as if the location were in the B-1 or B-2 zoning district and adjacent to residential. Requirements include a landscape buffer a minimum five feet wide, shade trees with a minimum of 2 ½ inches in caliper for an average of one (1) tree for every thirty (30) feet, a solid fence or wall 6 ft. high around 100% of the yard length, and the areas that are not planted with trees should be maintained with turf or other groundcover. The applicant is proposing a combination of screening that includes the existing shade trees, a 6 feet high wood fence around 100% of the yard and turf ground cover. The proposal meets the requirements of the Code.

John Wallace, representing LCC Tel-Com Services stated that the company provides site acquisition services to wireless carriers, in this case T-Mobile. The cell site is existing and utilizes the Village's water tank for height. Towers provide height whether a monacle or water tank. In this case T-Mobile is utilizing the existing structure. The generator is necessary to keep telecommunications in operation in the event that the power goes out. The FCC also mandates it. The decibel level is within the

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required 60-70 decibels at 24 feet. In addition, they will provide a sound muffling enclosure for the generator. The houses would be at least 100 ft. away. The stockade fence enclosure would match the existing fence.

Chairman Wright asked if weekly tests of the generator occur. Mr. Wallace stated that the generator would be tested, but not weekly. Maybe one or two times a month. If the Village has a requirement in the Code, they would readily agree to regular testing. Chairman Wright stated that his question is geared toward the level of sound the generator would produce. Mr. Wallace stated that it would only kick on if the power is out. Sound would be similar to an air conditioning unit and would not be a weekly annoyance.

Chairman Wright asked about the type of fencing material and if the fence would be painted. Mr. Wallace stated that the fence would be a natural standard cedar, identical to the existing Public Work's fence.

Chairman Wright stated that the drawings within the Commission packet indicate a 14' x 18' space, but the text states 12' x 18'. Mr. Wallace stated the additional space is to open and close the cabinets for service access.

Member Quirke asked about the two small buildings on the plats. Mr. Wallace stated the buildings house the radios that generate the signal and up through the fiber line to the antennas that spread the signal. The Code states that the buildings must have a brick finish.

Member Quick asked where the actual generator will be located. Mr. Wallace stated if Member Quirke were standing south of the water tank, facing north, the fence would be on the east side.

Member Quirke asked about the size of the generator. Mr. Wallace stated slightly smaller than the 4 feet x 9 feet pad. The pads generally are not much bigger than the generator. The wiring would go from the new generator to the T-Mobile house. Chairman Wright asked if the wiring would be underground. Mr. Wallace stated yes.

Chairman Wright asked Staff Liaison Mesaros if the Village had any concerns. Staff Liaison Mesaros stated no.

Member Hayes had no questions.

Member Grant had no questions.

Motion was made by Member Grant for approval of Case 19-24 proposed screening of new generator at an existing telecommunications site at the village's water tank at 18355 Pierce Avenue, on application by T-Mobile, in accordance with the submitted plans. Substitutions may not be made without prior written approval from the Village; Seconded by Member Hayes.

AYES: Members Grant, Hayes, Quirke, and Chairman Wright

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Members Burlison and Hrymak

Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

A motion was made by Member Grant to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.; seconded by Member Hayes. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Angela Mesaros*

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Staff Liaison